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☺ The Montgomery County Fair is FAST approaching! Volunteers ARE NEEDED!!!! ☺

Volunteer Opportunities and Upcoming Events

For more information about the events below, please contact the Recycling Volunteer Program Manager at (240) 777-6424 or e-mail us at recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov  
All of our activities are approved Student Service Learning experiences.

AUGUST	12th-20th	8am to 10pm	Mongomery County Agricultural Fair (4 shifts per day)
SEPTEMBER	10th	9am-4pm	Poolesville Day (both booth and parade)
	17th	8am-1pm	50th Anniversary Parade Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad
	18th	11 am-4 pm	24th Annual Gaithersburg Olde Towne Day
OCTOBER	1st	10am-3:30pm	Burtonsville Day
	1st	10am-4pm	Montgomery County Housing Fair
	1st	11am-8pm	Germantown Oktoberfest
	9th	Noon-4pm	14th Annual Oktoberfest at Kentlands in Gaithersburg

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Program Update

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the summer! If you haven't met her yet, **Sue Izard**, is our new **Volunteer Program Manager**, responsible for working with approximately 250 active Recycling Program volunteers, providing assistance and education at outreach events and activities over the course of the year. For example, this fall she will be conducting the first of four annual Recycling Volunteer Training and Information Exchange sessions.



Sue Izard  
Volunteer Program Manager

Raised in Montgomery County, Sue brings with her two advanced graduate degrees as well as hands-on environmental knowledge and skills. She has educated adults and youth in a variety of settings, including both the traditional classroom setting and outdoor environmental settings. Having recently finished her second master's degree at the University of Idaho, she gained "in the field" outreach experience spending three years working with community volunteers on urban forestry projects in the northern counties of Idaho. In addition, she has two years of international outreach experience, serving as a Fisheries Extension Agent in the Peace Corps.

We are excited to have her join us, particularly as Alan Pultyniewicz, our Business Recycling Program Manager, who many of you know, has been "pinch hitting" for the Volunteer Program for some time now.



Alan Pultyniewicz  
Business Program Manager

Sue will be overseeing our annual **Recycling Education Booth in August at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair.**

Please join me in welcoming Sue to the Montgomery County Recycling Volunteer Program!

Eileen Kao

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Recycling Coordinator

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**We Need Your Hours!** Please give the Volunteer Program Office a call at 240-777-6424 and let us know how you are doing! Your **volunteer work is important** and we want to give you credit for the number of hours you spend passing out information, and educating your neighbors.

This information helps us to better evaluate program needs. As you know, one-on-one contact is often the key to making a difference. Please give us a call

## Recycling Paper Saves A Ton



One ton of paper made from recycled pulp saves 3 cubic yards of landfill space.



One ton of paper made from recycled newspaper saves enough energy to power a television for 31 hours.



One ton of paper made from recycled pulp saves 17 trees.

or e-mail us at: [recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Don't forget, if you need extra brochures or stickers for your neighbors, give us a call for that too! We'll be happy to put them in the mail for you!



## Fall Training Session Sign UP Now!

Call 240-777-6424 to Register!

Learn more about the recycling process in Montgomery County. Become knowledgeable about what is and what is not recyclable in Montgomery County. Learn how to compost, find out what to do with regard to the disposal of household hazardous waste and meet other like-minded volunteers!

Thursday, September 15th  
9am -5 pm  
6th Floor Conference Room  
101 Monroe Street  
Rockville, MD 20850

or

Saturday, September 24th  
9am -5 pm  
Montgomery County Recycling Center  
16105 Frederick Road  
Derwood, MD 20855

**Call ahead to reserve your place in class. This training session is by pre-registration only.**  
(see reverse side for more information)

# New Training Opportunities For Recycling Volunteers!

**Are you** interested in volunteering? Have you volunteered in the past and are looking for new ways to grow, to share your expertise?

This September, the first of four annual **Recycling Volunteer Training and Information Exchange Sessions** will occur. New volunteers will learn the basics of how recycling is conducted in Montgomery County and experienced volunteers will have the opportunity to review information as well as learn about the new, recent revisions to existing recycling regulations.

**Each session will be offered twice during the season in order to best meet volunteer needs.** The Fall session will focus on the basics. The Winter session will review basic material, but will also cover public outreach strategies, County recycling operations, and ways to reduce waste generation.

All volunteers are encouraged to attend one of the two basic recycling sessions in September. All volunteers must be up-to-date and familiar with current County Recycling Regulations. The Fall session will be offered on:

Thursday, September 15th, (9am-5pm)  
6th Floor Conference Room  
101 Monroe St  
Rockville, MD 20850

Recycling Volunteers are expected to contribute an average of 10-20 hours per year to the program, participating in parades, staffing booths at events, assisting with office work and/or volunteering on other special projects. If you have special skills that you would like to share... please let us know!

The same session will be taught again, a couple of weeks later on:

Saturday, September 24th, (9am-5pm)  
Montgomery County Recycling Center  
16105 Frederick Road  
Derwood, MD 20855

Volunteers will receive advance information in the mail prior to their session. They will also receive a binder of reference materials at the training itself.

Expect hands-on activities and lots of fun! The goal of these Recycling Volunteer Training and Information Exchange sessions is to build a support network of volunteers, while refreshing and reinforcing specific knowledge about the recycling processes and recycling needs in Montgomery County.

To register for a Fall Training Session call Sue Izard at 240-777-6424 or e-mail: [recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov)

### Recycling Volunteer Training and Information Exchange Session Fall 2005

Learn the basic recycling do's and don'ts for Montgomery County, and become knowledgeable about County regulations regarding recycling.

### Recycling Volunteer Training and Information Exchange Session Winter 2006

Review the basics, and become knowledgeable about County recycling facility operation. Learn ways to reduce waste generation and share new ways to reuse materials. Gain skill in public speaking and learn outreach strategies that will help you motivate and inspire others to recycle!



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## Be Cool... Recycle At Your Neighborhood Pool!



Have you taken a swim lately? Pools are popular places to be these days. Plenty of people, a hot summer day... and before you know it...there are large quantities of empty recyclable plastic and glass bottles, as well as aluminum cans. Since recycling is mandatory (It's the law!) the pool needs to have some sort of recycling program in place. **You should be able to recycle these items!**

**Don't see any recycling bins?** The FIRST thing to do is to ask, "Are there any recycling bins at this pool?" Talk to the pool manager and find out if he/she has bins for recyclable commingled (glass, metal and plastic) materials. If the pool does not have a recycling program in place, ask that the manager set one up. Recycling bins should be placed in locations that are

accessible and convenient for people to use. In addition, anywhere there are vending machines dispensing beverages in recyclable containers, recycling bins are required.

The recyclables from these bins will need to be collected and placed in a centralized recycling container which is emptied by a recycling collector or hauler, and taken to a recycling facility.

If the pool manager needs additional assistance, who they contact will depend upon where your pool is located and/or how it is operated. **If your pool is operated by a community neighborhood association, operated by Montgomery County, or operated by a privately owned business,** the manager should contact SORRT, the Montgomery County business recycling program.



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## Did You Know...

...that 55.5 tons of computer products were recycled through the County's drop-off program in April 2005! The Shady Grove Solid Waste Transfer Station at 16101 Frederick Road in Derwood (301) 840-2370, is currently accepting:

- old or unwanted central processing units
- hard drives
- monitors
- keyboards
- printers and copiers
- laptop computers
- wires and power cords
- computer speakers
- surge protectors
- video cards
- scanners
- computer mice
- software
- other peripheral computer equipment

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**SORRT** is short for **Smart Organizations Reduce and Recycle Tons**. All businesses are required by County law to implement a recycling program. SORRT staff will be happy to share their expertise and work with business and pool management in regard to their particular situation.

**If your pool is located at your apartment building or condominium complex,** the manager should contact TRRAC, or **Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums**. This program is designed to specifically address the recycling needs of apartment and condominium properties.

TRRAC will work with apartment or condominium management to develop a recycling program that complies with Montgomery County law. TRRAC staff can visit the site and also work with the pool manager to develop a recycling program. In addition to technical services provided through SORRT and TRRAC, the County has educational materials available for use as part of the pool's recycling program.


For more information about TRRAC or SORRT contact: Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services at (240) 777-6400 or at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling).

### Calling All Recycling VOLUNTEERS!

The Montgomery County Fair is fast approaching! On August 12-20th the Recycling Program will be staffing a booth at the County Fair. Volunteer shifts are: 8-12 noon, 12-3pm, 3pm-6:30pm and 6:30-10pm. Training will be provided.

Call the Volunteer Program Manager at 240-777-6424 to sign up for your shift now!





### The Mixed Paper Challenge !

The amount of materials recycled by people living, working and visiting in the County continues to increase significantly each year. But we still have work to do! With the new wheeled carts for mixed paper recycling that are being distributed around the County this summer, residents can recycle more paper, and more easily!

**REMEMBER mixed paper includes:**

- newspapers and inserts
- corrugated cardboard
- cereal and other boxes (without the wax paper)
- telephone books
- computer and office paper
- shredded paper
- magazines
- catalogs
- paperback books
- unwanted mail
- all other clean, dry paper

**SORRY! The following are NOT ACCEPTED:** packing materials, such as styrofoam or plastic wrap, waxed paper, carbon paper, hardback books or aseptic beverage containers (i.e., juice boxes), foil gift wrap, paper towels and napkins, tissues, kitty litter paper, or any paper contaminated with chemicals or food.

